

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 24, 2004. Accordingly, this response is accompanied by a request for a three-month extension of time, together with authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 02-2451 with the required fee.

Applicants and the undersigned wish to thank the Examiner for his time and courtesy during the telephone conference today, May 24, 2005.

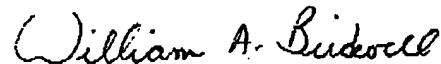
In that Action, claims 1 – 38, 40 – 93 and 95 – 113 were indicated as pending. Claims 1 – 38 had actually been withdrawn by Applicant in response to the previous Office Action. Claims 40 – 93 and 95 – 112, newly presented in response to the previous Office Action, were withdrawn by the Examiner as being directed to a non-elected invention. Only claim 113 remained under consideration.

Claim 113 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite due to lack of clarity as to whether the light sources and detectors are singular or plural. Claim 113 was not rejected on prior art.

In this response, claims 1 – 38, 40 – 93 and 95 – 112 have been cancelled, and claim 113 has been amended to clarify the terminology as to light sources and detectors. During the above-mentioned telephone conference, the Examiner and the undersigned reached agreement as to the allowability of claim 113 as amended herein.

Therefore, Applicants request that the Examiner enter the amendments, allow claim 113, and pass this case to issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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